

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 10, 1901.

A Fish That Gives Pain.

The well known brown pigment called sepia is obtained from a ten armed octopus found principally in the Mediterranean and more especially at the head of the Adriatic sea, where it is caught by the natives for food.

The sepia is contained in a bag and is really the black fluid of which we have all read as being discharged by the creature to cover its escape. Some naturalists say that the fluid is brownish, which becomes more credible when we know that this is the source of sepia.

The pigment is really a powder which dissolves in water; its strength may be estimated by the fact that it will color 1,000 times its own bulk. When the octopus has been killed, the sack or bag is removed and dried to prevent putrefaction. The sepia is washed and ammonia or caustic soda, and heated and dried. It is one of the most durable of paints, except when fully exposed to the fierce rays of the sun, and an even surface can be obtained with it more easily than with most paints. Sepia has been obtained from a fossil cuttlefish thousands of years old and found to be quite good for paint.

The Power of Superstition.

"I wish I wasn't superstitious," said a well known young man. "I'd have it taken off."

"Have what taken off?"

"Why, this great big mole on my nose."

"What are you afraid of about it—bleeding to death?"

"No, no; it's just bad luck to have a mole taken off. It's worse than having a black cat across your path or even to have a hooting owl light on the roof."

"I don't know why it is bad luck, but my black manny used to say, 'Chile, don't you never let 'em try to take that mole off your nose.'"

"What! happen, Aunt Sarah, if I do? I used to ask her."

"I dunno, chile. Some folks say as the place won't never get well, and some say as two moles come back. Don't never pester what the Lord has gin you, or he might make it worse."

"The old negro woman's doctrine was too deeply embedded in my early education for me to outgrow it, even after 20 years."—Memphis Scimitar.

Schoolboy Definitions.

Q. "Who discovered the law of gravity from the fall of an apple?" A. "Papa."

Q. "What is a sarcasm?" A. "A sore on your body."

An "antiquarian" is "a place for animals," "harlequinade" is "a kind of drink," "a dilemma" is "a medicine," "citadel" is "a sort of chief policeman," "neural" is "a kind of reptile," and "eulogy" is "a chap who feels bumps on his head."

"Juggernaut, a mountain in Switzerland," "glacier" is "a meander of windows," "prig" is "a little boat," and the ostrich is "distinct."

"Sapphira was a high priest."

"Chambers are a kind of big fleas."

"The milky way" is "the thick creamy stuff on the top of the milk."

"Tableaux vivants" means "hotel dinner."

"Elopement" is "the opposite to allopathy"—Collection Made by a London School Principal.

Queer Things to Eat.

Just before the Franco-German war a traveling quack in France employed as his clown, after the fashion of the day, a man named Tore, who testified to the excellence of his master's cure for indigestion by swallowing corks and pebbles. After leaving the quack he enlisted and in the presence of Dr. Florents tore open a live cat, sucked its blood and devoured it. He also ate in the same way living snakes, grinding their heads between his teeth. During the war he conveyed secret information for the French army by swallowing a small box with a written paper inside it, but he was at last detected by the Prussians and punished as a spy.

Danger in Damp Paper.

Most of the paper now used is made from wood and other vegetable fibers which are chemically not very different from the material of which a haystack is composed. Consequently if paper is stacked damp heating is likely to take place just as it does with prematurely stacked hay, and at any time flames may burst out from the result of spontaneous combustion.

The Heartless Druggist.

Flossie Banaster—Fred, what is that the papers say the butcher uses? I want to keep dear Fido's meat from spoiling.

Brother Fred—Formaldehyde.

Flossie—That isn't what the druggist told me.

Brother Fred—What did he say?

Flossie—Formaldehyde—Indianapolis News.

Hardly.

Kindly Visitor—Mrs. A., what do you suppose makes you suffer so?

Mrs. A.—I don't know, I am sure, and I believe nothing but a post mortem will ever show.

Kindly Visitor—You poor thing! You are so weak that you can never stand that—Tit-Bits.

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for teething babies.

Full-size bottle, 10 cents. Cures Wind Colic, Diarrhea, Loss of Sleep, Griping Pains, Sore Stomach, Fever, Cholera Infantum. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup also promotes the digestion and soothes the baby. Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

George W. Lane, Pawnee, Mich., writes: "Your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the best remedy for indigestion and stomach trouble that I ever used. For years I suffered from dyspepsia, at times compelling me to stay in bed and causing me untold agony. I am completely cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. In recommending it to friends who suffer from indigestion I always offer to pay for it if it fails. Thus far I have never paid. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons."

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE

Estate of John W. May, deceased.

In the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia.

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the

Court of the County of Fairfax,

do hereby give notice to the

creditors of the above named

deceased, to present their

claims against the estate of

the said deceased, to the

Clerk of the Court, at the

Court House, in the City of

Alexandria, Virginia, on or

before the 10th day of

September, 1901, at 10 o'clock

A. M., to the effect that the

said Court will then and there

hear and determine upon the

claims of the creditors of the

said deceased, and that the

said Court will also hear and

determine upon the claims of

the said deceased against the

creditors of the said deceased.

Witness my hand and the seal

of the Court, at the City of

Alexandria, Virginia, this 10th

day of September, 1901.

J. C. MILBURN, Clerk.

By E. S. LEADBEATER, Atty for Committee.

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